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RAIN Rhythms

Fall 2005/Spring 2006

RAIN PROGRAM UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP



CHANDICE COVINGTON
(see story on page 11)

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COORDINATOR'S COMMENT

RAIN RHYTHMS has not been published for awhile, so we are publishing this issue as a "catch-up." We have experienced many staff changes: Anne and Barry have left; LoAnn Hirsch is our new secretary (as of October last year) and Mary Monette is our new writing mentor. The next RAIN RHYTHMS will be published shortly and will provide all the new and exciting changes... Deb

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Fall 2005, Rhea Allery, Jencie Dahlen, Kristina Davis, Jodi Martin, and Pamela Vallie-Merrifield graduated from the University of North Dakota College of Nursing with their Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Fall commencement was held on December 16, 2005 at the UND Chester Fritz Auditorium. These graduates join 112 other American College Indians who have received their BSNs from the University of North Dakota College of Nursing.



Photograph of Rhea Allery.



Photograph of Jodi Martin.



*Photograph of Spring 2006 graduates:
Jacy Stone, Jerrod Peterson, Angela Keplin,
Eileen Tabert, and Novette Berntson.*



Photograph of Allison Senogles.

2005-2006 NEW FACES...NEW BEGINNINGS...

Students admitted to the UND College of Nursing for the Fall 2005 Semester (not pictured: Michelle Crosby).



Danielle Berg



Shawna Cosen and Johnette Gillis



Kendell Graywater



Diana Lafrombois



Nicolette Wolf Leader

Students admitted to the UND College of Nursing for the Spring 2006 Semester (not pictured: Ismelda Lucio).



Wendy Blair-Melton



Stacey Davis



Tara Drapeaux



Jamie Kopperdahl



Ashley Langan



Elisha Lawrence



Leslie Tincher



Wendy Yankton

COLLEGE OF NURSING PINNING CEREMONIES

DECEMBER 2005.



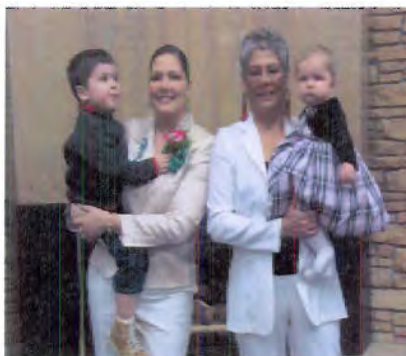
Rhea Allery family.



Jencie Dahlen family.



Kristina Davis family.



Jodi Martin family.

MAY 2006



Photograph of Spring 2006 graduates: Jacy Stone, Jerrod Peterson, Angela Keplin, Eileen Tabert, and Novette Berntson.



Allison Senogles family.

TRADITIONAL MEAL PHOTOGRAPHS



HONOR/BLANKET CEREMONIES

DECEMBER 2005

Pendleton blankets were presented to the December 2005 graduating American Indian nursing students, **Rhea Allery**, **Jencie Dahlen** (not pictured), **Kristina Davis**, and **Jodi Martin**.



Photograph of Rhea Allery family.



Photograph of Kristina Davis family.



Drum Group performing Honor Song.



Photograph of Jodi Martin family.

MAY 2006

Blankets were presented to Jacy Stone, Jerrod Peterson, Angela Keplin, Eileen Tabert, MS graduate, Novette Berntson, and Allison Senogles. Approximately 125 people were in attendance.



Jacy, Jerrod, Angela, Eileen, and Novette.



Photograph of Allison Senogles family.

National Council of Nurse Administrators (NCONA) Conference Highlights
Kansas City, Missouri: June 4-9, 2006

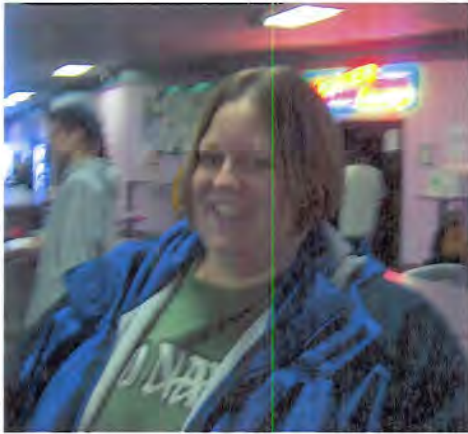
Robbi Baker, Shawna Baker, Danielle Berg, Gerald Brown, Krissie Davis, Tara Drapeaux, Jessica Goulet, Kendell Graywater, Judy Jacoby, Amanda Kalis, Diana Lafrombois, Jennifer LaRock, Elisha Lawrence, Ismelda Lucio, Beth Mittet, Georgia Morin, Winnie Old Coyote, Leslie Tincher, Nicolette Wolf Leader, Wendy Yankton, and Shawna Ziadah, along with RAIN staff traveled to this conference.

Students were given the opportunity to meet nurses working at all levels of IHS. They were also able to see what issues nurses are dealing with and the roles that they will one day have themselves, as nurses. RAIN staff were able to meet with other nursing project staff and discuss issues and concerns.



Photograph of Krissie Davis, Shawna Cosen, Robbi Baker, Georgia Morin, Sandra Haldane (IHS), and Winnie Old Coyote at the 2006 NCONA Conference.

STUDENT AND STAFF HONORS AND RECOGNITION



Wendy Blair-Melton received a Certificate and was granted membership to the Golden Key Honour Society for the Year 2005 - Way to go, Wendy!!



Mary Black was selected as a 2006-2008 John A. Hartford Foundation Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity Program (BAGNC) Scholar. She is pursuing her Ph.D. in nursing at the University of Minnesota—Good luck!!



*Roxanne Struthers was presented the Distinguished Alumni Award for the Year 2005 by Dean Chandice Covington. *We are sorry to note that Roxanne passed away in December 2005.*



Marlene Buchner was recognized for 5 years Continuous Service at UND in May 2006 - Way to hang in there, Marlene!

Spring 2006, Eileen Tabert graduated with her MS in the Family Nurse Practitioner track. Her thesis is titled "Perceived Health Status and Needs of the Elders of the Spirit Lake Nation". The thesis committee consisted of Christine Burd (Chair), Dr. Helen Melland, Dr. Thomasine Heitkamp (Social Work), and Dr. Leander McDonald (SMHS).



WIND ORIENTATION SUMMER 2006

Working for Indian Nurse Development "No Excuses" Orientation Seminar- 2006

WIND/RAIN Orientation took place August 14-18, 2006 at the UND College of Nursing. There were a total of 17 students that attended the orientation. Of those, all 17 were new pre-nursing students. The agenda consisted of workshops from 8-5 everyday on a variety of topics: financial aid, financial planning, writing workshop and assessments, learning strategies, campus safety, chemical dependency/substance abuse awareness, American Indian Student Services, and tours of the campus. This year WIND brought in a spiritual advisor - Loretta Jeanotte-Leith from Morton, Minnesota - to run talking circles and morning prayer. Students and RAIN staff stayed at a local hotel and took all meals together on and off campus. Evenings were filled with talking circles, conversation, scary movies(!), and academic advisement. This was an amazing group and it was felt by all that adding an elder to the week really strengthened the bond of this new group of students.



Matt Lorenz, Julie Ward, Robin Belgarde, Vickie Hicks, Jennifer Good, Chasity Baker, Shelly Robertson, Kelly McCloud, Chenoa Peterson, and Christina Custer.

WELCOME NEW DEAN, CHANDICE COVINGTON!

RAIN Welcomes Chandice Covington PhD, RN, FAAN

RAIN is proud to introduce the new director of our program and Dean to the College of Nursing, Chandice Covington, PhD, RN, FAAN. Dean Covington has been professor primary of nursing care at the University of California, Los Angeles since July 2001. She is a nationally certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with over 20 years of clinical experience in community-based primary care nursing and is nationally recognized for her expertise in this area.

Covington spent most of her academic career at Wayne State, as an assistant professor (1989), as an associate professor (1995-2001), and as a professor (2001). She served as Assistant Dean of Family, Community and Mental Health Nursing (1997-98) and as Associate Dean of Academic & Clinical Affairs (1998-2000).

Chandice Covington was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in 2004, and is the recipient of the Midwest Nursing Research Society Harriet Werley New Investigator Award, the Meritorious Research Service Award from the Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research, the Graduate Research Assistant/Faculty Award, the President's Recognition for Women Faculty Research, as well as many other awards.

Dean Covington's program of research focuses on health promotion and the prevention of poor health outcomes in children, especially in vulnerable populations in the US and in international settings. Ongoing studies, funded federally and through foundations, include breastfeeding promotion in at-risk populations, alternative feeding technologies to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV via breast milk, school outcomes and prenatal substance exposures, genetic polymorphisms and child health in vulnerable populations.

We are honored to have her here at the College of Nursing and the RAIN Program. We look forward to a new and exciting future!





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